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BC at a glance . . .

POPULATION (thousands)	Jul 1/97	% change on year ago
BC	3,933.3	2.0
Canada	30,286.6	1.1
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT		% change
(BC - at market prices - $ millions)	1996	on year ago
Current Dollars	103,631	1.7
Constant (1986) Dollars	74,001	1.0
TRADE ($ millions)		
Manufacturing Shipments (seas. adj.) Oct	2,813	-4.7
Merchandise Exports (raw) Oct	2,014	-14.2
Retail Sales (seasonally adjusted) Oct	2,760	4.9
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX		% change
(all items - 1986=100)	Nov '97	on year ago
BC	139.6	0.6
Canada	138.0	0.9
LABOUR FORCE (thousands)		% change
(seasonally adjusted)	Nov '97	on year ago
Labour Force - BC	2,028	0.5
Employed - BC	1,848	1.0
Unemployed - BC	181	-4.5
		Nov '96
Unemployment Rate - BC *(percent)*	8.9	9.4
Unemployment Rate - Canada *(percent)*	9.0	10.0
INTEREST RATES (percent)	Dec 24/97	Dec 25/96
Prime Business Rate	6.00	4.75
Conventional Mortgages - 1 year	6.40	5.20
- 5 year	7.05	6.95
US/CANADA EXCHANGE RATE	Dec 24/97	Dec 25/96
(avg. noon spot rate) Cdn $	1.4352	N/A
US $ *(reciprocal of above rate)*	0.6968	N/A
AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS		% change
(industrial aggregate - dollars)	Oct '97	on year ago
BC	615.79	0.2
Canada	597.26	0.3

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